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Arthur Neal
Director, Program Administration
National Organic Program
USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Neal,

The Ventre Packing Company desires the following compounds to remain on the **National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances, § 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups(s))."**

1. Ascorbic Acid
2. Citric Acid
3. Diatomaceous Earth-Food filtering aid only
4. Flavors, nonsynthetic sources only and must not be produced using synthetic solvents and carrier systems or any artificial preservative
5. Nutrient vitamins and minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods
6. Tocopherols

We formally petition the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow these compounds that are currently on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances to remain on the list since there are no suitable organic substitutes.

Regards,

Alan Patapow

Organic Compliance Manager

